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Priceless

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 November at 8 pm
St Stephen's Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent)**

Invitation to next meeting

You are invited to attend our final meeting for 2005 on Monday 14 November at 8 pm St Stephen's Church Hall (opposite Allwood Crescent). Our guest speaker will be Michelle Whitehurst, Traffic Engineer, Hurstville City Council, who will be informing us of traffic arrangements for this years Maple Street Lights. It will also be an opportunity to discuss with Michelle identified traffic concerns within the Lugarno area as well as offer suggestions regarding local bus routes.

Boggywell Creek Regatta

On Sunday, 18th September a large crowd gathered to watch the inaugural Boggywell Creek (Bottomless Boat) Regatta at the Lugarno Lions Spring Fair.

The LPA decided to enter a boat in the Open Yacht class, our vessel a replica of the trusty, rusted out, old Lugarno Ferry complete with 6 cars on deck. Other entrants included the Hurstville SES, Illawong Rural Fire Brigade, Hurstville, Kogarah and Rockdale Councils, Hurstville City Lions and Georges River Lionesses,

Riverwood Air League, Lugarno Uniting Church, Forest Rangers Soccer Club, Mortdale Guides and Sailability.

The old Ferry made it to the Grand Final against Rockdale Council after winning two heats. The final was a rugged affair and at the half way point the Ferry held a handy lead but after three races we struggled on the uphill run to the finish line. We felt we were dragging Rockdale Council with us and it was bow and bow at the line but the Ferry pipped them at the post for the narrowest of wins.

Many local businesses sponsored our boat and enabled us to present the Lugarno Lions with a cheque for \$1680.00. I would like to thank the following companies for their support in getting the old Ferry afloat again.

- Acme Preston Screen-print
- Alcorp Strata Management
- Barrow Engineering
- Boboli Bakery
- Lugarno Cafe
- Cresswell Engineering
- Inter-Chillers
- Kanweld Products
- Kinetic Engineering
- Lugarno Estates
- Lugarno Seafood Restaurant

- Lugarno Hardware
- Ray White Peakhurst
- Sanders Realty
- Superior Metal Products
- Wayne Foster Plumbing

Refer to our website for photos of the event.

LPA Supports Water Grant Applications

The LPA received requests recently from Hurstville City Council and Lugarno Public School to write letters of support to accompany their applications for Community Water Grants offered as part of the Australian Governments Water Fund. The four applications we were asked to support involved proposals for various water saving and water improvement initiatives within the Lugarno and Peakhurst area.

The LPA felt privileged to participate in this way and it highlighted the importance placed on the existence of our organisation as a representative body of the local community which endeavours to maintain and improve the facilities that we enjoy in Lugarno.

Delivery of "This Is Lugarno" is generously sponsored by:
Richardson & Wrench Real Estate of Mortdale
Contact Peter Bennett on 9570-2777 for all your Lugarno real estate needs

It's an ill wind if your "hose" 'blows'

A resident recently reported that his dishwasher hose connection broke in the middle of the night resulting in approximately \$10,000.00 worth of damage to his home. Whilst covered by insurance, the subsequent numerous visits by assessors and tradespeople over a period of 3 weeks caused great inconvenience which he wouldn't wish on anybody. This involved repairs to kitchen kickboards, drying out carpet, ceiling repairs, painting, etc. The assessor commented that he did a number of similar claims every week. He said that "it's a case of not if this problem could happen but when".

After extensive checking for a device to prevent this happening with major hardware, plumbing and retail outlets, including Australia's leading manufacturer of washers, only one plumbing centre had heard of such an item but didn't stock it!

The end result was that this product is available for under \$30 which will shut off the water if a hose bursts. It screws onto the tap (hot or cold) before fitting the hose coupling and requires no tools for the job. Three units were ordered through Lugarno Hardware (who now holds stock).

Footnote: the majority of dishwashers/washing machines do not have any protection against burst hoses. (The odd top end model may have a moulded fitting at the tap end of the hose).

It would certainly pay us all to check if our appliances have this protection.

Neighbourhood Watch news

Highlights from recent Police Reports for Lugarno include an Assault, Stealing from retail premises, Malicious Damage at our school, a Break and Enter offence and a stolen vehicle/vessel. The location of a vehicle/vessel was also reported – hopefully it was the same one that was stolen!

Diary dates

Oatley Flora & Fauna

Next meeting Monday, 28th November at 7.45 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Frederick & Letitia Sts, Oatley. Guest Speakers Ann & Bob Young, Geoscience academics, Reading the Landscape – The Woronora Plateau.

Lugarno Evening VIEW

Next dinner meeting Monday, 21st November, contact Ellen on 9580 2991 for further information.

Clean up Australia Day 2006

Reserve the date of Sunday March 5 if you would like to participate. We are on the lookout for sites that need cleaning up in our area. **Bring your suggestions to our next meeting.**

Become Bushcare aware

Heather Stolle and Vicki Willes are HCC's Bushcare Support Officers whilst Jason Cockayne is HCC's Wetlands Officer. All three provide 'on-site' supervision

and training of Bushcare Volunteers. When they are not doing that they are busy assessing sites, preparing site plans, carrying out follow-up work (spraying, organising burns, etc.) sorting out problems (dumping, vandalism, hazard reduction etc.) and 'spreading the word' through community education.

Responsible pet care

Unfortunately there are some cats in the Allwood Crescent area at present that are wandering at will and causing some distress to responsible cat owners. They are obviously not desexed nor do they wear any identification collars. This highlights the need for responsible pet care. Because of Lugarno's proximity to the bush, it is particularly important to have cats desexed, fitted with collars with a bell and locked up at night. This will minimise their desire and ability to catch small animals and birds.

Christmas is just around the corner and if you are going away from home, make sure your pets are taken care of while you are away.

First meeting 2006

We would particularly like to extend an invitation to any "new residents" of Lugarno to attend our first meeting for 2006 scheduled for 13th February and become involved in our organisation and help maintain the contact that we enjoy with the wider community.

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